

## C L A I M S

1. A method for disconnecting a pipe length (22) from a pipe string (20) by means of a power tong (2), the power tong (2) being part of an assembly (1) which includes a  
5 back-up tong (4) and at least one guide column (10), the power tong (2) and back-up tong (4) being movable relative to each other along the guide column (10), and the connecting point (58) of the pipe string (20) being  
10 at a level in height outside the normal work area of the power tong (2), c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that the guide column (10) is disconnected from its chassis (12), after which the assembly (1) is moved to the connecting point (58).
2. A method in accordance with claim 1, c h a r a c -  
15 t e r i z e d i n that the assembly (1) is moved away from the pipe string (20) after the pipe length (22) has been disconnected.